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Assembled.

The CASE of the People called QUAKERS STATED

In Relation to their Late and Present Sufferings, especially upon Old Statutes made against *Popish Recusants*.

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Advertiſement.

IT is deſired, that where mention is made of the *late Parliament*, it ſhould be the *late Long Parliament*; for part of this Book was Printed ſome time ſince, and intended to be delivered to the Parliament that ſucceeded the long Parliament.

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Parliament Aſſembled.

The Caſe of the People called *Quakers*, ſtated in Relation to their late and preſent Sufferings, eſpecially upon Old Statutes made againſt *Popiſh Recuſants*.

IT is not unknown, that many and various have been our Sufferings, not only ſince the *King's Reſtoration*, but alſo under the late *Revolutions* of *Government*; in which Time We have with a conſtant Patience, as well undergone the *Temporary Laws* deſigned againſt us, as ſuch alſo, which ſome of the *Magiſtracy* have ſtrained to anſwer

their Desire in *Punishment*. And we can say, That the Bitterness of our Portion has not been the Effect of a *Turbulent* or *Riotous Conversation*, for that is well known to our Neighbours, to be *Peaceable* and *Inoffensive*; but for our *Religious Dissent* in *Conscientiously Worshipping* the *God* that made us. And for this many of us have been exposed to *Whipping*, *Stocking*, *Beating*, *Wounding*, *Imprisonment*, *Spoiling* of our *Goods*, *Banishments*, and many suffered *Death* in *Stinking Goals*, *Dungeons*, and otherwise; and more particularly by Two *Acts* of *Parliament*, directly made against us, by the Name *Quakers*, and not *Popish Recusants*; the one in the 14th *Car.* 2. *Cap.* 1. and the other in 16 *Car.* 2. *Cap.* 4. Impowering the Magistrates, *To Fine, Imprison and Transport us for our Meetings*: Whereupon a great Number lost their *Lives* by *Close Imprisonment* and *Banishment*; besides the *Excessive Havock* and *Spoil* that hath been made upon many *Innocent* and *Industruous Families*, in Rending away their *Goods* and *Livelyhoods* by *Mercinary Informers*, upon the late *Act* against *Conventicles*, made in the 22th *Car.* 2. *Cap.* 1. Howbeit, we cannot attribute the whole Blame to the Laws designed against us, or the Statutes in Force; but much to the severe or partial Execution, occasioned (as was the Complaint of *Justin Martyr*

Martyr of old, in his *Apology* for the *Chriſtians*, among other Cauſes, ſays he) "*By* "*the Wicked Promoters and Informers,* "*who for Lucre ſake, to have the Poſ-* "*ſeſſion of the* Chriſtians, *were the more ready to Ac-* "*cuſe them to have the Spoil of their Goods.* So that againſt whomſoever or whatſoever a Law is made or provided, that may concern *Religious Matters*, We have generally found our ſelves chiefly pickt out for the *Grand*, if not the *Sole Offenders*. *Ex Apolog.* Juſt. Marty.

And as a proof thereof, many of us are now daily expoſed to *Utter Ruin* in our *Eſtates*, upon the Proſecution of the Statutes of the 23th of Q. *Elizabeth*, Cap. 1. and the 29th of Q. *Elizabeth*, Cap. 6. made againſt *Popiſh Recuſants*; by Colour whereof, and of the Statute of the 3d of King *James*, Cap. 4. Two Thirds of our Real Eſtates, &c. for four or five Years laſt paſt, have and are yet daily ſeized into the King's Hands; and againſt many of us are proceſs made out of the Exchequer twice Yearly, to Collect the Rents; for which the Bailiff ſeldom takes leſs than Double; their Diſtreſſes frequently amounting to more than the Yearly Value of the whole Eſtate, to the Impoveriſhing of many Induſtruous Families, and Waſting

ſting of their Eſtates and Livelyhoods. A *Catologue* of ſome Particulars whereof herein after follow. And others of us the mean while are Proſecuted, Impriſoned and Spoiled by Mercileſs *Informers*, for 20 *l.* a Moneth, by the Statute of 35. of the ſame Queen, Cap. 1.

For theſe things have we ſought to the King in Council for Redreſs, who was pleaſed there to Expreſs his Senſe of the Unreaſonableneſs of ſuch Proſecution, as did alſo others of the Lords of his Council, but refered us to the Parliament for Relief in this our Grievance, as the moſt proper place to have an Effectual Redreſs. In Obſervance whereof We made our Application to the Houſe of Commons of the late Long Parliament, who in a Committee then examined by Witneſſes and Records the Truth and Juſtneſs of our Complaint, and the Reaſonableneſs of our Allegations to Diſtinguiſh our ſelves from *Popiſh Recuſants*, and had true Reſentments thereof; but before they could yield us any Relief, were Proroged, and ſoon after Diſſolved.

We alſo Repreſented our Caſe to the Succeeding Parliament, who for our Relief were pleaſed to inſert a Clauſe in a Bill then before them (which paſt

paſt the Houſe of Commons) to Diſtinguiſh between *Papiſts* and *Proteſtant Diſſenters*, which would have tended to Redreſs our Grievance; but that Parliament being alſo Proroged before the ſaid Bill had paſt its laſt Cuſtomary Reading in the Upper Houſe, we are ſtill left under the ſaid heavy Preſſures, continued Seiſures and Diſtreſſes: And not only ſo, but by the Execution of the ſaid old Statutes of Queen *Elizabeth*, &c. and the 3d *Jac.* are rendred as *Popiſh Recuſants*; which we really are not, being alſo diſtinguiſhed under the Name *Quakers*, by the aforeſaid *Acts* of *Parliament* made againſt us.

Wherefore notwithſtanding your other great Affairs, we cannot but at this time in True *Chriſtian Humility* deſire you to take this Caſe of our grievous Sufferings alſo into your Serious and Weighty Conſideration, allowing us that Juſtice, as to be Conſidered under a Diſtinction from *Popiſh Recuſants*; and that you would pleaſe to yield us ſuch Relief here-

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in, as God in his Counſel ſhall Direct, and you in VViſdom ſhall ſee Meet and Expedient.

Signed on the behalf of many Hundreds of the ſame People, who lie under preſent Sufferings;

John Oſgood	Richard Whitpain
William Mead	Jaſper Batt
George Whitehead	William Penn
William Gibſon	Thomas Rudyard
George VVatts	Ellis Hookes
William Macket	VVilliam Shewen
Rawland Vaughan	John Dew
John Etheridge	James Braines.

London, the 26th of the 8th Moneth, 1680.

AN ACCOUNT

OF THE

Seizures, Sequeſtrations, great Spoyl and Havock, made upon the Eſtates of the ſeveral *Proteſtant Diſſenters* call'd *QUAKERS*, upon Proſecution of Old Statutes made againſt *Papiſts* and *Popiſh Recuſants*, by reaſon of the late *Exchequer*-Proceſs; Iſſued out by ſpecial Warrant of the late Lord *Treaſurer* of *England*.

Cambridg-ſhire.

2 *Day* 9 *Mon.* 1676.

	L.	S.	D.
Diſtreyned then from *John Prime*, of *Wilbram Parva*, by *John Curby*, one of the Sheriffs Bayliffs, by vertue of *Exchequer*-Proceſs; *Four* Cows, & *One* Horſe; to the Value of——	18	00	00

For 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for two Thirds of his Eſtate; the whole being vallued at 20*l.* *per*

Annum; and made no Reſtauration of Over-Plus.

	L.	S.	D.
23 *Day* 12 *Month*, 1676. *Richard Webb* of *weſt-wickham*, had then Diſtreyned from him by *John Burgine*, one of the ſaid Sheriff's Bayliffs; who took and drove away Four Horſes, and Two Cows; of the Value of——	26	10	00

The Bayliff at the time of the Diſtreſs ſaid, They muſt take full 20l. becauſe they muſt ſell good Penny-worths.

For the like Demand of 13 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* for two Thirds of his Eſtate, the Whole being valued at 20 *l. per Annum*; and made no Reſtauration of Over-plus.

29 *D.* 2 *Mon.* 1677.

Diſtreyned then from *Henry Boſtock* of *Quy*, in the ſaid County, one Cow, by the Sheriff's Bayliff; to the value of——	03	00	00

For 1 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* being two Thirds of his Eſtate; reſtoring nothing of the Over-plus.

1 *D.* 9 *Mon.* 1677.

Diſtreyned from the afore-ſaid *Richard webb*, by *John Burgine*, one the Sheriff's Bayliffs; who took from him ſix Cows, one Feather-Bed, Coverlid, Blanket, Boulſter, and Pillows; to the value of——	26	00	00

For the like Demand of 13 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* as afore-ſaid.

The Bayliffs took alſo his Horſe and Cart, to carry away the Bed and Bed-Cloaths; but

Returned

Returned the same back: but nothing of the Over-plus of the Goods distreyned.

	L.	S.	D.
Distreyned also then from *John Harvey* the Elder, of *Linton*, Grocer, by *John Curby*, one of the Sheriff's Bayliffs, by Cash taken out of his Money-Box, ——	02	02	06

For the Demand of 2*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.*

Distreyned then also of *Edward Smith* of *Linton*, Taylor, by the said Bayliff, Fifty Yards of Woolen Cloath; to the value of ——	07	00	00

For the Demand of 2*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and made no Restoration of the Over-plus.

4 *Day* 9 *Month*, 1677.

Distreyned then from the afore-said *John Prime*, by *John Curby*, one of the said Bayliffs, five Cows, three Bullocks, and one Horse; of the value of ——	27	15	00

For the Demand of 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and made no Restoration of Over-plus.

25 *D.* 8 *Mon.* 1677.

Distreyned from *John Smith* of *Over*, Yeoman, by *Isaac Smith*, Under-Sheriff, and his Bayliffs, in Feather-Beds, Pillows, Curtains, and Vallants, a double Trunk of Linnen; all his Wives Cloaths, (except one Coife, and Dressing, and one Night-Cap); in Brass, in Pewter, and Iron, near all the Goods of his House: to the value of ——	28	00	00

For

For the Demand of two Years Profit of the two Thirds of his Estate, vallued at 4 *l. per Annum*.

The Bayliff of the Hundred, then telling the said Under-Sheriff, That there were sufficient Live Cattle, to make Distress upon: The Under-Sheriff answered, He would not meddle there-with; saying, He had more need of House-hold-Stuff; being shortly to go and keep House himself. This was proved amongst other Things, to a Committee of the last Parliament.

	L.	S.	D.
The same Day of the same Month, Distreyned then by the said Under-Sheriff and Bayliffs, from *Nicholas Walker* of *Swausey*, Carpenter, upon his Copy-hold Messuage, for he had no Free-hold; in Timber and Timber-Wares, to the value of ——	13	18	09

The two Thirds of his Estate, being vallued to the King at 40 *s. per Annum*.

25 *Day* 8 *Month*, 1677.

Then Distreyned from *George Nash* of *Over*, by the said Under-Sheriff, Cheese, Brass, Linnen, Feather-Beds, Blankets, Coverlids, Boulsters, Pillows, Curtains, Vallants, Silver-Spoons, Moneys, Bonds, and Specialties, and other Goods; to the value of ——	63	11	07

For two Years Value of the two Thirds of his Free-hold Estate, at 6 *l. per Annum*.

This was also proved before a Committee of the late Parliament.

17 *Day*

	L.	S.	D.
17 *Day* 2 *Month*, 1678. *Richard Pettit* of *Stow-Cum-Quy*, Wheelwright, had Distreyned from him by the Sheriff's Bayliff, five Cows: to the value of ——	12	00	00

For the Demand of 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* The Bayliffs telling him, That upon his Refusal to pay the Money, they must take three times the Value: But being often desired to see his Warrant, he refused to shew it.

This was proved before the said Committee of Parliament.

9 *D.* 6 *Mon.* 1678. Then Distreyned from *Henry Bostock* of *Quy*, by the Sheriff's Bayliffs, one Cow; to the value of ——	03	00	00

For the Demand of 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* The Bayliffs not Restoring any Over-plus to him, or the others above Distreyned.

7 *D.* 9 *Mon.* 1678. Then Distreyned by *John Curby*, the Sheriff's Bayliff, from the afore-said *John Prime*, by the afore-said *Exchequer*-Process, six Cows; of the value of ——	14	07	06

For the Demand of 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

29 *D.* 8 *Mon.* 1678. Then Distreyned by *John Burgine*, Bayliff, from *Robert Salmon* of *Shudicamps*, in Moneys, ——	04	00	00

For two Thirds of his Free-hold Lands,

vallued at 40 *s.* a Year; notwithſtanding, all his Lands are Coppy-hold.

	L.	S.	D.
21 *Day* 9 *Month*, 1678.			
Then Diſtreyned by the ſaid Bayliff, from *Jacob Baker*, of *weſt-Wooton*, ——	00	02	02 ½

For the Demand of two Thirds of 3 *s.* 4 *d.* Free-hold Land.

Cumberland.

	L.	S.	D.
2 *Month*, 1678.			
Diſtreyned then from *Elizabeth Bond* of *Scotby*, in the ſaid County, Widdow, by *Thomas Stamper*, the Sheriff's Bayliff for the ſaid County, by vertue of *Exchequer*-Proceſs, one Mare, and Houſe-hold Goods; to the value of ——	05	19	07

For the Demand of 1 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* being the value of two Thirds of her Eſtate.

Diſtreyned then alſo from *Thomas Dobiſon* of *Scotby*, afore-ſaid, by the ſame Bayliff, one Horſe, and one Mare, and Houſe-hold Goods; to the value upwards of —	06	00	00

For the Demand of 2 *l.* 0 *s.* 0 *d.* for two Thirds of his Eſtate.

Diſtreyned then alſo from *John Richardſon* of *Scotby*, afore-ſaid, Houſe-hold Goods; to the value of ——	03	17	08

For

For the Demand of 2*l.* 05.0*d.* And made no Return of Over-plus.

The Bayliff then telling them, He had not enough, he must come for more.

The 27*th.* of the same Month, the Goods were carryed to *Carliſle*-Market, and part thereof sold at Cheap Rates: But when the People came to understand whose Goods they were, and for what they were taken, they did forbear to buy the Rest.

Cornwal.

1677. L. S. D.

Distreyned then from *Ambroſe Groſs* of *Luxilian*, by the Sheriffs Bayliffs of the said County, upon *Exchequer*-Proceſs, seven young Bullocks, and six Hoggs; to the value of —— } 10 00 00

For $\frac{1}{3}$ of 4*l. per Annum.* Not Reſtoring any thing of Over-plus.

Buckingham-shire.

2 *Day* 8 *Month*, 1677. L. S. D.

THen Diſtreyned from *Thomas Saunders* of *Ilmore*, in the County afore-said, Yeoman, by the Sheriff's Bayliffs of the said County, upon *Exchequer*-Proceſs, in Houſe-hold Goods of Braſs and Pewter; to the value of —— } 02 00 00

Distreyned by the said Bayliffs from *Robert Kingham* of *Woborne* in Goods; to the value of —— } 01 10 00

Glocester-shire.

6 Day 9 Month, 1678. L. S. D.

THen Distreyned from *Robert Wall*, of *Hatfield*, in the said County, by the Sheriff's Bayliffs, upon *Exchequer*-Proces; one Mare, and one Colt, to the value of — } 06 10 00

His Free-hold Estate, being valued at 3 *l. per Annum.*

There are many Persons called *Quakers*, and other *Protestant Dissenters*, Prosecuted and Indicted in that County of late, on account of *Recusancy*; but no Account given of Seizures made of their Estates into the King's Hands; which is shortly expected.

Hereford-shire.

23 Day 2 Month, 1677. L. S. D.

RIchard *Dolphin* of *Erdisland*, in the said County, by the Sheriffs Bayliffs, who call themselves by the Name of *Catchpoles*, had distreyned and taken from him, ten Oxen and Bullocks; to the value of — } 48 00 00

For

For the Demand of 40 *l.* being two Thirds of his Eſtate, valued in the whole at 60 *l. per Annum.*

4 *Day* 3 *Month*, 1677.	L.	S.	D.
John Haines of *Boddenham*, in the ſaid County, had then diſtreyned and taken from him by the Sheriff's Bayliffs, two Oxen; to the value of ——	09	00	00

For the Demand of 4 *l.* 8 *s.* 10 *d.* being two Thirds of his Eſtate, valued at 6 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d. per Annum.*

Peter Young of *Luſton*, in the ſaid County, had then alſo diſtreyned and taken from him, eight Oxen; to the value of —	40	00	00

For a Demand of 20 *l.* for two Thirds of his Eſtate; when in truth, his Real Eſtate was returned, but 20 *s.* a Year: For which, at his great Coſt, he had an after-Allowance or Returns made to him of ſome of his Cattle.

8 *D.* 3 *Mon.* 1677.

Roger Pritchard of *Amely*, in the ſaid County, had then diſtreyned and taken from him by the Sheriff's Bayliffs, two Oxen, and one Horſe; to the value of —	11	00	00

For the Demand of 8 *l.* 17 *s.* 9 *d.* for two Thirds of his Eſtate; the whole being valued at 13 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d. per Annum.*

William Collier of *Amely*, afore-ſaid, had then alſo diſtreyned from him, by the ſaid Bayliff's, two Cows, one Steer-Bullock, and three young Beaſts; to the value of —	13	00	00

For the Demand of 8*l.* 17*s.* 9*d.* being two Thirds of his Eſtate; vallued at 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d. per Annum.*

	L.	S.	D.
10 *Day* 3 *Month*, 1677. *James Eccles* of *Mancel-Lacy*, in the ſaid County, had Diſtreyned by the ſaid Bayliffs, two Cows; to the value of ——	07	00	00

For the Demand of 2*l.* being two Thirds of his Eſtate, vallued at 3*l. per Annum.*

18 *D.* 3 *Mon.* 1677. *William Fiſher* of *Roſs*, in the ſaid County, had then Diſtreyned from him by *John Matthews*, and *Thomas Brain*, two of the Sheriff's Bayliffs, one new Feather-Bed, and Boulſter, one new Rugg, and one Set of Curtains; to the value of ——	05	00	00

For 40*s.* being the two Thirds of his Eſtate, vallued at 3*l. per Annum.*

26 *D.* 3. *Mon.* 1677. *James Merrick* of *Roſs*, afore-ſaid, by the ſaid Bayliffs, had his Ware-houſe Door broke open, and diſtreyned then from him, Leather, to the value of 4*l.* 15*s.* for the Demand of 4*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* And afterwards, the ſaid Bayliffs, together with one *Roger Hinton*, diſtreyned from him one great Braſs-Boyler, one Braſs-Kettle, two Braſs-Pots; to the value of 55*s.*	07	10	00

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The two Thirds of his Eſtate ſeized into the King's Hands, being vallued at 4*l.* 13*s.* 4*d. per Annum.*

18 *Day* 3 *Month*, 1677.	L.	S.	D.
John Cater of the ſame Place, had then Diſtreyned from him by the ſaid Bayliffs, eleven Pewter-Diſhes, ſix Pewter-Porringers, four Pewter-Candleſticks, one Braſs-Candleſtick, one Nutt-Cup, one Braſs-Ladle, and one Braſs-Skimmer: to the value of——	03	00	00
For the Demand of 40*s.* for one Years Rent of the two Thirds of his Eſtate; the Whole being vallued at 3*l. per Annum.*			
Thomas Merrick of the ſame Place, had then Diſtreyned from him by the ſaid Bayliffs, one Braſs-Pot,, a Braſs-Boyler, and one Braſs-Kettle; to the value of——	03	00	00
For the Demand of 20*s.* being the two Thirds of his Eſtate; his whole Eſtate being vallued at 30*s. per Annum.*			
William Sparry of the ſame, had then diſtreyned twelve Pounds of Shoo-Makers Hemp, nine Pounds and an half of Flax, and one Iron-Beam; of the value of——	01	09	10
For the Demand of 6*s.* 8*d.* being two Thirds of his Eſtate: the whole being vallued at 10*s.*			

19 *Day* 3 *Month*, 1677. L. S. D.

Henry Powel of the ſame, had then diſtreyned, and taken from him by the ſame Bayliffs, one Bed and Boulſter, one Rugg, one Braſs-Kettle: to the vallue of —— 03 00 00

For the Demand of 1 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* for two Thirds of his Eſtate; the whole being vallued at 40 *s. per Annum.*

17 *D.* 7 *Mon.* 1677.

James Exton ſeized 20 *l. per Annum*; for which, Diſtreyned by *George Rawlin*, and *John Matthews*, Bayliffs, ten Oxen, and two Mares; which were then left in his Hands, upon his Promiſe to ſecure their forth-coming.

Since which, there's no Account what's further done with them.

1 *D.* 3 *Mon.* 1679.

John Cater of *Roſs*, in the ſaid County, had then Diſtreyned from him by *William Wilton*, Deputy-Sheriff, and *Anthony Rock*, the Sheriff's Bayliff for that *Hundred*; two Braſs-Pots, one Braſs-Kettle, three Pewter-Diſhes, three Pewter-Porringers, two Couple of *Goats*-Leather-Skins, nine *Buck*-Skins, one *Doe*-Skin, one *Stagg*-Skin, & one half of an *Elk*-Skin: to the value of —— 05 13 00

For the Demand of 4 *l.* ſuppoſed to be two Years Profits for the two Thirds of his Eſtate; his Eſtate, as afore-ſaid, being vallued at 3 *l. per Annum.*

	L.	S.	D.
William Fisher, afore-said, had then also Distreyned from him by the Sheriff's Bayliffs, two young Cattle; to the Value of ——	04	05	00

For the like Demand of 4 *l.* being two Years Profits, as afore-said.

Henry Powel of *Ross*, afore-said, had then also Distreyned from him by the said Bayliffs, fifteen Pewter Dishes, and one Pewter Flaggon; to the value of ——	02	00	00

For a Demand, as the Bayliffs said, of 1 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.*

William Sparry, afore-said, had then also distreyned from him by the same Bayliffs, one Remnant of Holland-Cloath; to the value of ——	00	13	00

For the Demand of 6 *s.* 8 *d.*

Phillip Osborne of *Ross*, afore-said, had then also distreyned from him by the said Bayliffs, one Peece of Silver-Plate; to the value of ——	01	15	03

For the Demand of 1 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.*

2 *Day* 3 *Month*, 1679.

Thomas Merrick of *Ross* afore-said, had then distreyned from him by the said Sheriff's Bayliffs, three Peeces of Ticking; to the value of ——	02	04	06

For the Demand of 20 *s.*

2 Day 3 Month, 1679.	L.	S.	D.
Thomas Turner of the Parish of *Linton*, near *Ross*, had then distreyned and taken from him by the Sheriffs Bayliffs, one Brass-Pot and Pot-hooks, and six Pewter-Dishes; to the value of —	00	13	06

For the Demand of 6*s.* 8*d.*

Thomas Merrick of *Weston* under *Penyard*, had then distreyned from him, one Feather-Bed and Boulster; of the value of—	01	10	00

For a Demand of 20*s.* but by the Sheriff's Roll given in at 13*s.* 4*d.* the supposed Value of two Thirds of his Estate.

And in these the Bayliffs have made no Restoration of Over-plus, notwithstanding their general excessive Distresses.

There is also an Account sent up, with Letters of the 30*th.* of the last Month, of the above, and several other *Protestant-Dissenters*, called *Quakers*; against whom, the like *Exchequer*-Process remains in the Sheriff's Hands to be Executed; and were then in Execution for two Third Parts of the Profits of their Estates, for two Years last past: A particular whereof, was had from the Sheriff, and are as followeth.

Viz.	*per An.*	L.	S.	D.	Q.
John Haines of *Boddenham*,		04	08	10	02
John Jones of *Brumyard*,		04	00	00	00
Roger Beck, of the same,		02	00	00	00
James Robins of *Stoak-Lacy*,		02	00	00	00

James

	per An.	L.	S.	D.	Q.
James Merrick of *Roſs*, Deceaſed,		04	13	04	00
Roger Pritchard of *Amely*,		08	17	09	02
Thomas Pembridge, of the ſame,		00	13	04	00
William Collier, of the ſame,		08	17	09	00
John Crews of *Kings-Peon*,		02	13	04	00
Nicholas Deyes of *Erdiſland*,		13	06	08	00
Richard Dolphin, of the ſame,		40	00	00	00
James Exton of *Burgill*,		20	00	00	00
James Eccles of *Manſel-Lacy*,		02	00	00	00
Peter Young of *Luſton*,		01	00	00	00
Thomas Hopkins of *Eltam*,		00	06	08	00
Richard Deyes of *Erdiſland*,		01	06	08	00

Theſe now the Sheriffs are Leavying for moſt of them, two Years Value; which may occaſion the utter Impoveriſhing of many Families.

7 Day 3 Month, 1679.

Richard Dolphin of *Erdiſland*, before-mentioned, was then diſtreyned by the Sheriff's Bayliffs, by vertue of the *Exchequer* Proceſs, who took and drove away from him, eight Oxen; of the value of— 54 00 00

The two Thirds of his Eſtate is vallued to the King, at 40 *l. per Annum.*

Richard Deyes, of the ſame Place, was then alſo Diſtreyned by the ſaid Bayliffs; who took and drove off from his Ground, ſix Oxen; he being abroad from Home, the valiue could not be at preſent Aſcertained.

The two Thirds of his Real Eſtate is vallued at *per Annum.*

The Bayliffs diſtreyned and drove away all their Oxen from their Plows; ſo that, both their Plows are laid aſide: and the Bayliffs, being deſired to leave each of them one Yoak of Oxen, to be carrying on their Work, they taking a Diſtreſs ſo exceſſive: They anſwered, that they would not; for that they ſtreyned for more than a Year; and had Warrants to Diſtreyn and Levy for the King's Rent, due at *Michaelmaſs* next: And being there, they would not make ſo many Journeys for the Rent then due, and to be due.

A moſt illegal and unreaſonable Exaction and Oppreſſion.

The ſaid Bayliffs then declared, They had then diſtreyned one Mare from the afore-ſaid *Roger Beck*; and one Yoak of Oxen from *John Jones*, before-mentioned.

We hear alſo, that about *Roſs* and *Hereford*, the Sheriff's Bayliffs are now making Diſtreſs on the Inhabitants there-abouts: The Particulars whereof, we dayly expect an Accompt.

Eardiſland, 8th. 3.m. 1679.

Lancashire.

	L.	S.	D.
7 *Month*, 1677.			
Henry Holden of *Thornton*, in the said County of *Lancaster*, by vertue of *Exchequer*-Proceſs, was diſtreyned by *James Burgis*, *John Roill*, and *Henry Hodgkinſon*, Sheriff's Bayliffs; who took and carryed away ſeveral peeces of Pewter, to the value of ——	00	12	00
For their Demand of 3*s*. Making no Return of Over-plus.			
John Bickerſtaff of *Thornton*, in the ſaid County, was Diſtreyned alſo by the ſame Bayliffs, who took and carryed away ſeveral Peeces of Braſs and Pewter; to the value of ——	01	10	00
For their Demand of 8*s*. 4*d*. Not Reſtoring any thing of the Over-plus.			
6 *September*, 1677.			
John Townſon of *Ratcliff*, in the ſaid County, was then alſo diſtreyned by the ſame Bayliffs; who took and carryed away, one Fowling-peece, two Sacks, one Frying-Pan, with other Pewter; of the value of ——	01	10	00
For their Demand of 1*l*. Reſtoring nothing of the Over-plus.			

Robert

	L.	S.	D.
Robert Butler of *Ratcliff*, afore-ſaid, was diſtreyned by the ſaid Bayliffs, who took from him one Fowling-peece; of the value of ——	01	00	00

For the Demand of 1 *l.*

James Smith of *Poulton*, was alſo diſtreyned by the ſaid Bayliffs; and had Goods taken away from him, to the value of —	01	01	00

For their Demand of 5 *s.* And nothing of the Over-plus returned.

James Bickerſtaff of *Thornton*, in the ſaid County, by the ſaid Bayliffs, was diſtreyned alſo, and had Goods taken from him, to the value of—	00	14	00

For the Demand of 4 *s.* 6 *d.* Nothing of Over-plus being returned.

William Hool of *Thornton*, afore-ſaid, was then alſo diſtreyned by the ſame Bayliffs; and had Goods taken away to the value of ——	00	10	00

For the Demand of 3 *s.* And nothing returned.

14 *Day* 7 *Month*, 1677.

William Baines of *Wyer-ſide*, (alias, *Wyerſdale*,) was then diſtreyned by the ſaid Bayliffs, and had Goods taken from him, *viz.* eight Pewter-Diſhes, and one Braſs-Pot; to the value of ——	01	14	00

For the Demand of 13 *s.* 4 *d.* And no Over-plus returned.

21 *Day*

21 *Day* 7 *Month*, 1677. L. S. D.

Thomas Hinde of *Littledale*, in the said County, was then distreyned by the said Bayliffs; and had several Goods taken from him, to the value of —— } 01 10 00

For their Demand of 10*s.* And nothing restored of Over-plus.

John Kirkby of *Kirkby*, in the said County, was distreyned also by the said Bayliffs; who took from him one Horse; to the value of —— } 07 00 00

For the only Demand of 5*s.* And no Over-plus returned.

20 *September*, 1677.

Richard Cubban of *Bickerstaff*, in the said County, was then distreyned by *Richard Graystock*, Bayliff *Arrat*, *Henry Graystock*, and *William Topping*, the Sheriff's Bayliffs; who took from him one Heiffer, of the value of —— } 02 05 00

For the Demand of 20*s.* due by *Exchequer*-Process; and 13*s.* 4*d.* for their Charges; which was Extortious and Illegal: Making no Return of Over-plus.

20 *D.* 7 *Mon.* 1677.

Godfrey Atherton of *Bickerstaff*, afore-said, was distreyned by the same Bayliffs; who took from him Pewter, and other Household Goods, to the value of —— } 00 15 07

For their Demand of 9*s.* 6*d.* upon the *Exchequer*-Process; and 6*s.* 4*d.* pretended

to

to be due for Charges; but is a Cheat and Extortion.

	L.	S.	D.
Anne Atherton of *Bickerſtaff*, afore-ſaid, Widdow, was then alſo diſtreyned by the ſaid Bayliffs, in Pewter; to the value of ——	00	06	06

For the Demand of 3 *s.* 6 *d.* due on *Exchequer*-Proceſs; and 2 *s.* for Charges, as afore-ſaid.

Edward Lyon of *Bickerſtaff*, afore-ſaid, Husbandman, was then alſo diſtreyned by the ſaid Bayliffs; who took from him Pewter, and other Houſe-hold Goods, to the value of ——	01	02	00

For the Demand of 6 *s.* 6 *d.* due by *Exchequer*-Proceſs; and 6 *s.* 10 *d.* their pretended Charges: Returning no Over-plus.

Daniel Biſpam of *Bickerſtaff*, afore-ſaid, Husband-man, was then alſo diſtreyned by the ſaid Bayliffs; who took from him his Bedding, worth ——	00	17	00

For their Demand of 4 *s.* due by *Exchequer*-Proceſs; and 2 *s.* 8 *d.* Charges. Returning no Over-plus.

William Smith of *Bickerſtaff*, afore-ſaid, Husband-man, was then alſo diſtreyned by the ſaid Bayliffs; who took from him Pewter, worth ——	00	07	00

For the Demand of 3 *s.* 6 *d.* due by *Exchequer*-Roll, and for Charges together. Returning no Over-plus.

18 *Day*

	L.	s.	d.
18 *Day* 7 *Month*, 1677. *Richard Johnson* of *Ormskirk*, Husband-man, was distreyned by *Richard Grayſtock*, afore-ſaid, Bayliff *Arrat*, and *Daniel Travis*, and *Richard Woods*, of *Ormskirk*, Under-Bayliffs; who took from him two Cows, of the value of ——	06	10	00
For their Demand of 10 *s.* upon *Exchequer*-Proceſs and Charges.			

Obſerve, an Application made to the ſaid Bayliff *Arrat*, or Head-Bayliff; and ſhewing the Unreaſonableneſs of ſuch Diſtreſs, he Returned back the Cows, upon the Terms he might have them again, when he called for them.

Roger Harſnep of *Aughton*, in the ſaid County, Husband-man, was diſtreyned alſo by the ſaid Bayliffs; who took from him one Pair of New-Shooes, worth —	00	03	06
For their Demand of Moneys due by *Exchequer*-Proceſs.			

17 *D.* 10 *Mon.* 1677.

James Fletcher of *Knowſly*, in the ſaid County, was diſtreyned by *Richard Grayſtock*, and *John Crook*, Bayliffs of *Preſton*; who took and carry'd away one Braſs-Pan, of the value of —	00	12	00
For 6 *s.* 11 *d.* as they pretended due by *Exchequer*-Proceſs: Neither Reſtoring any of the Over-plus, nor Paying any thing to Diſcharge the *Exchequer*-Proceſs.			

	L.	S.	D.
17th. *December*, 1677.			
William Hatton of *Knowsly*, afore-ſaid, was then alſo diſtreyned by the ſame Bayliffs; who took and drove away from him, one Milch-Cow, to the value of ——	03	15	00
For their Demand of 1 *l.* 13 *s.* Making no Return of Over-plus, nor diſcharging the *Exchequer*-Proceſs; but the ſame was demanded the Year enſuing.			
William Booth of *Knowsly*, afore-ſaid, was alſo diſtreyn'd by the ſaid Bayliffs; who took and drove away from him, one Heiffer, to the value of ——	03	00	00
For the Demand of 12 *s.* due by *Exchequer*-Proceſs: Making no return of Over-plus, nor diſcharging the *Exchequer*-Proceſs. The ſame being demanded the Year enſuing.			
Thomas Hiccocke of *Knowsly*, afore-ſaid, was then alſo diſtreyned by the ſaid Bayliffs; who took and carry'd away from him, one Braſs-Pot, and one Pewter-Diſh, of the value of ——	00	18	00
For the Demand of 12 *s.* Making no return of Over-plus.			
12 *Day* 8 *Month*, 1677.			
John Hartley of *Gilford-Clough*, in the Pariſh of *Coln*, Husband-man, was diſtreyned by the Sheriff's Bayliffs; who took away one Horſe, of the value of ——	04	00	00
For their Demand of 3 *l.* where-as the Valuation of his Land was but 2 *l.* for two Third			

Parts

Parts: So that, it appears, the Bayliffs demanded and extorted 1 *l.* more than they ought to have done.

	L.	S.	D.
Henry Hartley, of the Forreſt of *Trowden*, in the ſaid Pariſh, and *Mary* his Mother, were diſtreyned by the ſaid Bayliffs; who took and drove away, one Cow, worth ——	04	13	04

For 2 *l.* due by *Exchequer*-Proceſs; but the Bayliffs demanded 3 *l.* which was 20 *s.* more than their due.

Application being made to the Under-Sheriff, he confeſſed the Miſtake; but yet told them, the Cow was ſold; and he would return nothing back of the Over-plus.

12 *Day* 8 *Month*, 1677.

Richard Hargreaves of *Fowlridge*, within the ſaid Pariſh, Husband-man, was then alſo diſtreyned by the ſaid Bayliffs; who took and drove away from him, one young Beaſt, to the value of ——	02	10	00

For their Demand of 19 *s.* for *Exchequer*-Proceſs; and 10 *s.* for Charges, as they alledged: Making no Reſtoration or Return of Over-plus.

7 *D.* 9 *Mon.* 1677.

Thomas Ackernly of *Marſden*, within the ſaid Pariſh, Weaver, was then alſo diſtreyned by the ſaid Bayliffs; who took and carryed away, in Braſs and Bedding, to the value of ——	00	10	00

For the Demand of 10 *s.* Although its underſtood, that two Thirds of the Eſtate is vallued at 6 *s.* 8 *d. per Annum.* They making no return of Over-plus.

	£.	S.	D.
The Widdow *Hargreaves* of *Marſden-Height*, in the ſaid Pariſh, was diſtreyned by the ſaid Bayliffs; who coming upon her Land, then let unto her Tenant, took one Mare; which the ſaid Tenant diſcharged by Payment of ——	01	02	04

Their Demand being 20 *s.* and 2 *s.* 4 *d.* for diſtreyning: The ſaid Bayliffs pretending to diſtreyn for one Years Rent, and an half.

12 *Day* 8. *Month*, 1677.

Peter Shack'lton, in the Forreſt of *Trowden*, in the ſaid County, being abſent from his Houſe, there came the ſaid Sheriff's Bayliffs, and made diſtreſs upon one Cow; but his Houſe-keeper in his Abſence, paid them 30 *s.* and redeemed the ſaid Cow. —	01	10	00

Their Demand was 20 *s.* pretended due for the *Exchequer*, and 10 *s.* for Diſtreſs.

William Whaley of *Marſden*, in the ſaid County of *Lancaſter*, a *Proteſtant-Diſſenter*, and one called a *Quaker*, being Convicted upon the 23*th.* of *Elizabeth*, and 28*th.* of *Elizabeth*, upon Account of *Recuſancy*; had two Thirds of his Eſtate in Land ſeized (which was all Copy-hold) to the value of 30 *s. per Annum:* And Proceſs being

being made out of the *Exchequer*, for 30*s.* two of the Sheriff's Bayliffs, the 10*th.* of *October*, 1677. came to his Houſe: And being demanded the Sight of their Warrant, and alſo their Names, they refuſed; only told him, They came from *Chriſtopher Greenfield*, the Under-Sheriff, and demanded 45*s.* And for the ſame, diſtrained and took from him, the ſaid *william*, one Mare, of the value of 8*l.* and never ſince made any Returns thereof, to the ſaid *william*. And as a Teſtimony to the Truth thereof, the ſaid *william whaley* hath here-unto ſet his Hand, the 17*th.* Day of the Month, called *April*, *Anno Dom.* 1678.

William Whaley.

John Sagar of *High-head*, in the County of *Lancaſter*, Weaver, a *Proteſtant-Diſſenter*, and one called a *Quaker*; being Convicted for *Recuſancy*, and two Thirds of his real Eſtate ſeized, as above-ſaid: And the afore-ſaid Bayliffs, the ſame Day and Year above-ſaid, came alſo, and demanded 40*s.* *viz.* for one Year and an halfs Profit; And Diſtreyned and Leavyed for the ſame, his Feather-Bed, three Boulſters, three Coverlids, four Blankets; not leaving any thing to cover him, and his Children withal. The ſaid Bayliffs took and diſtreyned more from him, three Braſs-Pans, five Pewter-Diſhes, one Pewter-Can; throwing out the Meat and Drink that was in them: Which ſaid Goods amounted to four Pounds; and never made any Return thereof, to the ſaid *John Sagar*. Soon after the Diſtreſs, the ſaid *John Sagar* went to *Chriſtopher Greenfield*, who officiates the Part of Under-Sheriff; and he ſearching ſome Rolls, ſaid, He ordered the Diſtreſs. As a Teſtimony whereof, I the ſaid *John*, have alſo hereunto ſet my Hand,

Hand, the 17th. Day of the Month, called *April*, *Anno Dom.* 1678.

John Sagar.

The ſame Day, the ſaid Bayliffs came to the Houſe of *Roger Hartley*, of *Chamber*, Husband-man, a *Proteſtant Diſſenter*, and one called a *Quaker*; and for 2 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.* demanded for the Profits of his Eſtate: Seized by Virtue of the afore-ſaid Statutes; and took and diſtreyned from him, one Cow, of the value of 5 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.* which ſhould have given Milk for his Children; he having twelve Children at home, and many of them very ſmall: And never returned any thing back, as we could hear of, he being our near Neighbour. In Teſtimony whereof, we, the ſaid *William Whaley*, and *John Sagar*, have here-unto ſet our Hands, this 17th. Day of the Month, called *April*, *Anno Dom.* 1678.

William Whaley,
John Sagar.

The afore-ſaid three Caſes were delivered in to a Committee of the laſt Parliament: And the further Sufferings are as followeth.

28 *September*, 1678.

	L.	S.	D.
Roger Harſnep of *Aughton*, in the ſaid County of *Lancaſter*, had diſtreyned and taken from him, by *John Powel*, and *James Preſoe*, the Sheriffs Bayliffs, ſeveral peeces of Pewter; to the value of ——	00	12	00

For

For the Demand of 2 *s.* 6 *d.* Which a Relation paid, and Redeemed the Pewter.

	£.	S.	D.
Roger Leatherborrow of *Lideat*, in the ſaid County; was then alſo diſtreyned, and had taken from him ſeveral Peeces of Braſs-Ware; to the value of 30 *s.* by the ſame Bayliffs. —	01	10	00

For the Demand of 4 *s.* 4 *d.* Not reſtoring any part to the ſaid *R. L.*

Iſaac Aſhton of *Skelmerſdale*, was then alſo diſtreyned; and in his Abſence, taken out of his Houſe, twelve Yards of New Blanketting, and one Old Blanket; to the value of ——	00	16	00

The Bayliff's Demands he knows not.

Margaret Underwood of *Lideat*, afore-ſaid, was diſtreyned by the ſaid Bayliffs; who took and carryed away from her, Goods, to the value of —	01	06	00

For the Demand of 3 *s.* 8 *d.* as the ſaid Bayliffs required; who returned nothing to the ſaid *M. U.*

8 *Day* 9 *Month*, 1678.

Godfrey Atherton of *Bickerſtaff*, in the ſaid County, and *Anne Atherton*, Mother of the ſaid *Godfrey*, had taken and diſtreyned from them by the ſaid Sheriff's Bayliffs, ſeveral Peeces of Pewter; of the value of ——	00	13	00

For

For the Demand of 6 *s.* 6 *d.* from the ſaid *Godfrey*; and 3 *s.* 2 *d.* 3 *farthings*, from the ſaid *Anne*: Not reſtoring any Part or Value thereof.

9 *Day* 9 *Month*, 1678.

	L.	S.	D.
Richard Johnſon of *Ormskirk*, was then diſtreyned by the ſaid Bayliffs; and had taken from him in Pewter, to the value of ——	00	08	08

For the value of 6 *s.* 8 *d.* Demand, returning nothing.

Richard Cubban of *Bickerſtaff*, was then alſo diſtreyned, and had taken from him by the ſaid Bayliffs, ſixteen Yards of fine Flaxen-Cloath; to the value of ——	00	18	08

For the Demand of 13 *s.* 4 *d.* Returning nothing.

Daniel Biſpham of the ſame, was then alſo diſtreyned by the ſame Bayliffs; who took and carryed away one Braſs-Pan, to the value of ——	00	09	00

For their Demand of 2 *s.* 8 *d.* Returning nothing thereof.

8 *Month*, 1678.

William Baines of *Wyerſdale*, was diſtreyned, and had taken from him by the Sheriff's Bayliffs, eight Pewter Diſhes, and one Braſs Pot, to the value of —	01	15	00

For their Demand of 13 *s.* 4 *d.* Returning nothing thereof.

21 *Day* 9 *Month*, 1678. L. S. D.

Henry Keyley of *Hunderfield*, in the ſaid County, was then diſtreyned by *Jonathan Halſtead*, the Sheriff's Bayliff, with one *George Stansfield*, a Conſtable; who took and carryed away two Cows, to the value of —— } 08 00 00

For the Demand of 2 *l.* 6 *s.* 5 *d.* Not returning any thing.

23 *D.* 9 *Mon.* 1678.

Mary Rawſthorn, Widdow, was alſo diſtreyned by the afore-ſaid Bayliff, and one *John Bradley* of *Bolton*, Black-ſmith; who took away her Cow, of the value of — } 04 00 00

For the Demand of 14 *s.* Not returning any thing thereof.

1 *D.* 8 *Mon.* 1678.

William Whaley of *Marſden*, was diſtreyned by *Lawrence Hargreaves*, and *John Roberts*, the Sheriff's Bayliffs; who took away his Cow, of the value of — } 05 00 00

For the Demand of 1 *l.* 10 *s.* Not returning any thing.

4 *D.* 8 *Mon.* 1678.

John Sagar of *Marſden*, diſtreyn'd by the ſame Bayliffs; and had taken and carryed away his Wool and Yarn, two Corn-Sacks, three Willow-Baskets; of the value of —— } 02 13 04

For the Demand of 1 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* Returning nothing to the ſaid *J. S.*

	L.	S.	D.
4 *Day* 8 *Month*, 1678.			
Roger Hartley of *Marſden*, afore-ſaid, had diſtreyned by the ſame Bayliffs, two peeces of Keirſey, to the value of——	03	16	00

For the Demand of 1 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.* Not making any Return of the Goods, or Value taken.

6 *D.* 9 *Mon.* 1678.

James Smith of *Poulton*, had diſtreyned by *Edmund Leyland*, and *Richard Atkinſon*, Bayliffs, Goods to the value of——	00	13	04

For the Demand of 5 *s.* Not making any Return.

Henry Holden, of the ſame Place, the ſame Day had diſtreyned by the ſame Bayliffs, a Horſe, to the value of——	02	90	00

For the Demand of 2 *s.* Which a Neighbour of his, of his own accord, Releas'd out of the Bayliffs Hands, upon the Paying of 8 *s.* 10 *d.*

John Townſon of *Ratcliff*, had diſtreyned by the ſame Bayliffs, the ſame Day, one Cow, worth——	04	20	00

For the Demand of 20 *s.* (And ſome time after, tendred back 17 *s.* which the ſaid *Townſon* received not.) Not returning any thing.

26 Day 9 Month, 1678.	L.	s.	d.
William Saterthwait of *Hawkshead*, near *Ulverston*, in the said County, was then distreyned by *Edward Charnock* of *Lancaster*, *John Fell* of *Flookburro*, and *George Mackereth* of *Outyeat*; who took and carryed away from his House in his Absence, one pair of Sheets, six Table-Napkins, and two Pewter-Dishes; to the value of ——	00	15	06

For the Demand of 7*s.* 6*d.* Not returning any thing.

George Holme of *Colt-house*, near *Hawkshead*, Tanner, was distreyned by the same three Bayliffs; who took and carryed away out of his House, one Brass-Pot, two Pewter-Dishes, to the value of ——	00	08	06

For what Demand we know not.

William Sands of *Roger-Ground*, near *Hawkshead*, afore-said, was distreyned by the said Sheriff's Bayliffs; who took and carryed away one Pair of Boots, worth 12*s.* and four Pair of Shoes, worth 13*s.* The whole ——	01	05	00

For the Demand of 16*s.* Not returning any thing thereof, to the said *W. S.*

George Saterthwait of *Skiverhow*, near *Hawkshead*, afore-said, was distreyned the same Day by the same Bayliffs; who took and carryed away from his House, one Pewter-Flaggon, four Pewter-Dishes, worth——	00	15	08

For the Demand of 7*s.* Not making any Return of any Part thereof.

27 *Day* 9 *Month*, 1678. L. S. D.

George Braithwait of *Hyewrey*, near *Hawkshead*, aforesaid, was distreyned by the said three Bayliffs; who took from him one Cow, worth —— } 02 06 08

For the Demand of 8*s.* Which was Redeemed by one of his Relations, paying 16*s.* being double the Demand.

8 *D.* 9 *Mon.* 1678.

John Kirby of *Mearbeck*, in *Kirkby-Early*-Parish, was distreyned by *Charnock* and *Fell*, two of the said Sheriff's Bayliffs; who took and carryed away one Heiffer, worth —— } 02 13 04

Upon the Demand of 12*s.* for that Year, and 9*s.* in Arrear the Year before: And made no Return of any Part or Value thereof.

Observe, That the Year before, the Sheriff's Bayliffs for the like Demand of 12*s.* distreyned from the said *John Kirby*, one Horse, worth 4*l.* So it seems by their Account, the Horse worth 4*l.* paid but 3*s.* into the *Exchequer*: And the Bayliffs never made any Return the former Year, of the Value or Over-plus.

Thomas

	L.	S.	D.
Thomas Hickock of *Knowsley*, in the said County, was distreyned by *John Powel* of *Preston*, and *James Presoe*, two of the Sheriff's Bayliffs; who took and carryed away from him one Coverlid, to the value of ——	00	10	00

For what Demand, he knows not; but alleadged by them, to be a *Chequer*-Process.

Memorandum: The said Bayliffs have now demanded Moneys of several above-mentioned; but we have not as yet a particular Account of what Distresses are made this last Year.

Westmoreland.

AN Account of the Names of such Persons, who are no *Papists*, but *Protestant-Dissenters*, and distinguished by the Name of *QUAKERS*; and have been Prosecuted upon the Statutes of 23*th.* and 28*th.* of *Elizabeth*, made against *Popish-Recusants*; and two Thirds of their Estates thereupon Seized and Sequestred into the King's Hands, by the Statute of the 3*d.* of King *James*, provided against *Popish-Recusants*, and Leavies, for the Yearly Profits of their said Lands; thereupon made by the Sheriff's Bayliffs of the said County, by Process out of the *Exchequer*, for the Year 1677. as followeth; *viz.* As they were

were Collected, and brought up out of the said County; presented, and witnessed unto by Witnesses, to the Members of the late *Parliament*, in the Month called *April*, 1678.

Persons Names Convicted.	Value of Lands seized.			Value of Goods leavied, 1677.		
	L.	S.	D.	L.	S.	D.
James Clerkson, of *Ravenstondale*.	01	00	00	03	05	00
John Pindar, of *Ravenstondale*.	00	04	08	00	07	00
Antho. Robinson, of *Ravenstondale*.	00	14	08	01	00	00
Tho. Atkinson, of *Orton* Parish.	01	00	00	02	00	00
Tho. Atkinson, of *Shappe* Parish.	00	13	04	02	10	00
Will. Whitehead, of *Shappe* Parish.	01	00	00	01	10	00
Richard Ayrey, of *Shappe* Parish.	03	06	08	04	15	00
John Clerk, of *Shappe* Parish.	00	03	04	00	10	00
Rich. Barwick, of *Shappe* Parish.	01	04	04	01	08	04
John Sutton, of *Clifton*.	00	10	00	00	14	00
Edm. Sutton, of *Brougham* Parish.	00	05	00	00	09	00
Tho. Langhorne, of *Hilvendale*.	00	18	00	02	10	00
Richard Burrow, of *Beethom* Parish.	00	08	00	01	02	00
Jennet Besbrown, of *Beethom* Parish.	00	01	08	00	04	00
John Hudson, of *Beethom* Parish.	00	05	04	00	09	00
Brigget Gregge, of *Milthorp*.	00	02	00	00	05	00
Edw. Cragg, of *Acconthwaite*.	00	00	08	00	06	00

Persons

Persons Names Convicted.		Value of Lands seized.			Value of Lands leavyed, 1677.		
		L.	S.	D.	L.	S.	D.
Joh. Pearson,	of Hever-sham-Parish.	01	00	00	02	00	00
Th. Pearson,		01	00	00	01	10	00
Stephen Crosfield,	of the same place.	01	06	00	03	00	00
Thomas Ayrey,	of Kendal-Parish.	00	06	00	00	10	00
Robert Simpson,		02	13	04	04	00	00
William Fayrer,		00	06	08	00	12	00
Peter Moser,		00	04	00	00	12	00
Robert Wilson,		00	10	08	01	00	00
John Dickinson,		00	08	00	01	08	00
Martin Simpson,		00	04	6½	00	10	00
Eliz. Holme,		00	08	00	00	08	00
Nicholas Suart,	of Tourtram.	00	10	00	00	18	00
William Elray,		00	01	08	00	05	06
Richard Birket,	of Crook.	00	10	08	01	00	00
Joh. Thompson,		00	04	00	00	11	00
Miles Bateman,	of Underbarrow.	00	07	04	00	00	00
Rich. Atkinson,	of Farlton.	00	06	08	01	15	07
John Preston,		00	05	04	00	11	00
George Denison,	of Mansergh.	00	04	08	00	10	00

Persons Convicted.		Seized. L.	S.	D.
Henry Lacock,	of Morland-Parish.	01	00	00
Thomas Lawson,		01	00	00
Lancelot Fallowfield,		01	00	00
James Fallowfield,		00	18	00
Thomas Fallowfield,		00	10	00
Rowland Wilson,		01	06	08
Nicholas Denkin,		00	06	08
John Hobson,		00	13	04
Mary Robison,	of Clyburne.	00	06	08
Christoph. Wilkinson,	of Banton-Parish.	00	05	00
John Tinkler,	of Askam.	01	00	00
Robert Hutchinson,		00	08	00
Thomas Langhorne,	of Hilton.	00	16	00
George Crosfield,	of Stainton.	00	04	00
Elizabeth Simpson,	of Docker.	00	04	6½
Izabel Fell,		00	08	00
William Parke,		00	06	08
Thomas Hudson,		00	04	00
William Chambers,	of Sidgewicke.	02	00	00
William Besbrowne,	of Beethom-Parish.	00	03	00
Dorothy Middleton,	of Lupton.	00	06	08
John Middleton,		00	03	04
John Sutton,		00	03	04
Edward Burrow,		00	13	04
Henry Skyring,		00	02	04
Robert Atkinson,	of Preston.	00	10	00
John Scaife,		00	01	04
William Cartmel,		00	08	08
Roger Wakefield,		00	01	08

Richard

Persons Convicted.		Seized. L.	S.	D.
Richard Stephenson,	of *Over-Staveley*.	00	06	08
Richard Clarkson,	of *Ravenstondale*.	00	13	04
Anthony Pindar,	of *Ravenstondale*.	00	06	00
Thomas Fawcet,	of *Ravenstondale*.	00	02	00
John Helme,	of *Orton*-Parish.	00	13	04
John Fawcet,	of *Orton*-Parish.	00	03	04
Michael Aiskel,	of *Brough*.	01	00	00
John Thompson,	of *Warcopp*-Parish.	00	06	08
William Scaife,	of *Warcopp*-Parish.	00	13	04
Robert Teasdale.		02	00	00
Edward Guy,	of *Appleby*.	05	06	08
John Bolton,	of *Bongate*.	00	10	00

9 *Month*, 1678. L. S. D.

Robert Simpson of *Docker*, in the Parish of *Kendal*, in the County afore-said, was distreyned by *Robert Kendal*, and *James Taylor*, two of the Sheriff's Bayliffs; who took and drove away one Cow, of the value of —— 03 06 08

For the Demand of 2 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.* Making no return of Over-plus

Peter Moser of *Grayrigg*, in the said County, was distreyned by the same Bayliffs; who took and carryed away one Mezling-Bason, three peeces of Pewter, and one Brass Chafin-Dish; of the value of —— 00 10 00

For the Demand of 4 *s.* Returning no Over-plus.

	L.	S.	D.
John Dickenſon of *Grayrig*, afore-ſaid, was then alſo diſtreyned by the ſame Bayliffs; who took from him one Caddy, and one Bed-Covering, of the value of——	01	04	00

For their Demand of 8 *s.* Making no Reſtoration of Over-plus.

Martin Simpſon, of the ſame Pariſh, was then alſo diſtreyned by the ſame Bayliffs; who took from him Goods to the value of——	00	10	00

For the Demand of 4 *s.* 4 *d. Half-penny.* Returning no Over-plus.

Thomas Ayrey of *Selſide*, was then alſo diſtreyned by the ſaid Bayliffs, in Pewter, to the value of——	00	10	00

For the Demand of 6 *s.*

William Fairey of *Grayrig*, in the ſaid County, being alſo in the *Exchequer*-Roll, and the Bayliffs going to diſtreyn, a Neighbor of his paid them——	00	06	08

Elizabeth Helme, Widdow, being alſo in the *Exchequer*-Roll, her Son, to prevent Diſtreſs, paid the Bayliffs——	00	08	00

John Tompſon of *Crook*, was alſo diſtreyned by the ſame Bayliffs; who took and carryed away from him, Goods to the value of——	00	12	00

For

For the Demand of 4*s.* Returning no Over-plus.

Miles Bateman of *Croak*, afore-ſaid, were alſo diſtreyned by the ſame Bayliffs; who took from him one Horſe, of the value of —— } L. 04 D. 00 S. 00

For their Demand of 6*s.* 8*d.* Reſtoring no Over-plus.

Thomas Pearſon, of the ſame Pariſh, was was alſo diſtreyned by the ſame Bayliffs; who took and drove away one Heiffer, of the value of —— } 01 13 04

For their Demand of 1*l.* Returning no Over-plus.

John Pearſon, of the ſame Pariſh, was then alſo diſtreyned by the ſame Bayliffs; who took and drove away two Heiffers, of the value of —— } 02 06 08

For their Demand of 1*l.* Returning no Over-plus.

Stephen Croſfield, of the ſame Place, was alſo diſtreyned by the ſame Bayliffs; who took and drove away from him one Cow, to the value of —— } 02 10 00

For the Demand of 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Returning no Over-plus.

	L.	S.	D.
Nicholas Suart of the ſame Pariſh, was alſo diſtreyned by the ſaid *Kendal* and *Taylor*, two of the Sheriff's Bayliffs; who took from him one Horſe, to the value of ——	04	13	04

For 10 *s.* Demand, being the Yearly Value of two Thirds of the Eſtate: Making no Reſtoration of Over-plus.

William Elary of *Towteran*, in the ſaid Pariſh, was alſo diſtreyned by the ſaid Bayliffs; who took from him Goods, to the value of ——	00	08	06

For 1 *s.* demanded by the *Exchequer*-Roll: Making no Reſtoration of Over-plus.

9 *Day* 7 *Month*, 1678.

Edward Cragg, near *Preſton* in the ſaid County, was diſtreyned by *Richard Ridley*, and *James Taylor*, two of the Sheriff's Bayliffs; who took away from a little Child of his, one Horſe of the value of—	03	10	00

For 8 *d.* due upon the *Exchequer*-Roll. But one *Robert Gibſon*, a Neighbour of his, ſeeing the unreaſonable Diſtreſs, redeem'd the Horſe, and ſent him Home again.

Bridget Grigg of *Milthorp*, in the ſaid County, was alſo diſtreyned by the ſaid Bayliffs; who took from her one Chaldron, of the value of ——	01	00	00

For the Demand of 2 *s.* Which a Neighbour of hers, unknown to her, redeemed, and ſent back again.

Richard

	L.	S.	D.
Richard Atkinson of *Parlton*, was also distrained by the said Bailiffs, who seized upon a parcel of Hay; but afterwards, refused the Hay they had before distrained, and took from him one Mare, of the value of——	05	00	00

For the Demand of 1 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* Not restoring any thing of Over-plus.

The 9th of the 7th Moneth, 1678.

Richard Burroughs of *Arnside*, was distrained by *Robert Kendal* and *Richard Cornthwait*, two of the Sheriff's Bailiffs, who took away from him out of his Cart, one Mare, worth——	02	10	00

For 8 *s.* 8 *d.* demanded.

John Hudson of *Hale*, was also distrained by the same Bailiffs, who took and drove away from him one Cow, of the value of——	03	05	00

For their Demand of 5 *s.* 4 *d.* But after a Kinsman of his, without his Consent redeemed the Cow, and brought her again into the Pasture.

Jennet Bisbrowne of *Arnside*, Widdow, was then also distrained by the same Bailiffs, who took and carryed away from her six Pewter Dishes, and one Pewter Flaggon, better worth than——	00	11	00

For their Demand of 1 *s.* 8 *d.* Restoring nothing of Over-plus.

Cambridgeshire.

14 *Day* 6 *Moneth*, 1679.

	L.	S.	D.
John Smith of *Over*, in the said County, had then distrained from him a Mare and Gelding, worth——	16	00	00

For 4 *l.* demanded, by *George Steven* and *Anthony Morgan*, Bailiffs.

4 *Day* 8 *Moneth*, 1679.

Richard Webb of *Westwickham*, had then distrained from him, by *John Burgis*, Bailiff, for twenty Mark, being two Thirds of 20 *l. per annum*, three Horses and Harness, a long Cart, four Sacks filled with Barley, to the value of——	29	10	00

24 *Day* 8 *Moneth*, 1679.

Edward Smith of *Linton*, had then distrained and taken from him by the same Bailiff, eighteen Yards of Woollen Cloth, for the two Thirds of 2 *l.* 8 *s.* a year, to the value of——	03	00	00

12 *Day* 8 *Moneth*, 1679.

John Prime of *Wilbram parva*, had taken from him, by *John Curby*, Bailiff, for two Thirds of 20 *l.* a year, eight Cows, to the value of——	17	12	00

7th Day

	L.	S.	D.
7 Day 9 Moneth, 1679. *Richard Pettet* of *Qui*, had then distrained and taken from him by *John Curby* aforesaid, for the two Thirds of 7 *l.* 10 *s.* a year, five Cows, to the value of—	10	00	00
7 Day 9 Moneth, 1679. *Henry Bostock* of the same, had then distrained and taken from him, by the same Bailiff, for two Thirds of 40 *s.* a year, one Horse, to the value of—	02	10	00
2 Day 11 Moneth, 1679. *Robert Salmon* had taken, on his account, from his Tenant *Robert Tonfts* of *Linton*, one Horse worth— For four Nobles, being two Thirds of 40 *s.* a year.	01	06	08
30 Day 11 Moneth, 1679. *Richard Web* aforesaid, had distrained from him by *J. Burgin*, Bailiff, four Horses, to the value of— For the two Thirds of 20 *l.* a year.	22	10	00
20 Day 10 Moneth, 1679. Widdow *Salmons* had taken from her Tenant of *Shudy Champs*, by *John Burgin*, Bailiff, For two Thirds of 3 *l.* *per annum*.	02	00	00

6 Day 12 Moneth, 1679. L. S. D.

Edward Smith of *Linton*, had then distrained from him sixteen Yards of Cloth, by the same Bailiff, worth—— } 02 13 04

For the two Thirds of 2 *l.* 8 *s.* *per an.*

Herefordshire.

20 Day 4 Moneth, 1679.

James Exton of *Burghill*, had then distrained from him, by *William Bedam*, Sheriff, *Humphry Diggas* and *David Pew*, Bailiffs, eight Oxen and one Cow, six of the Oxen were immediately sold away, which were worth— } 26 00 00

For 20 *l.* demanded.

2 Day 8 Moneth, 1679.

Edward Pritchard of *Almly*, had distrained and driven away from him, five young Cattel, worth 9 *l.* by the same Sheriff and Bailiffs. } 09 00 00

For the Demand of 8 *l.* 17 *s.* 09 *d.*

William Collyer of the same, had distrained from him, by the same Sheriff and Bailiffs, Cattel worth—— } 09 05 00

For the like Demand of 8 *l.* 17 *s.* 09 *d.*

Thomas

	L.	S.	D.
Thomas Pembridge of the ſame, had taken from him, by the ſame Sheriff and Bailiffs, one large Braſs Kettle. For 13 *s.* 4 *d.* demanded.			
Peter Young of *Luſton*, had taken from him, by the ſame Sheriff, one Mare worth-- For 40 *s.* demanded.	04	00	00
John Cater of *Roſs*, had diſtrained from him, for the ſame, thirty pair of Gloves, worth——	00	16	08
William Fiſher of the ſame, had diſtrained from him, for the ſame cauſe, four Diſhes of Pewter, worth——	00	16	00

Which two laſt Diſtreſſes, were to make up, what the Sheriff ſaid he were in Arrear, in the 3d Moneth, 1679.

Surrey.

THeſe Perſons following are proſecuted upon the aforeſaid Statutes, of the 23d and 29th of Q. *Elizabeth*, and fined, for which Fines proceſs are iſſued out of the Kings Exchequer, to Leavy the ſame by the Sheriff of the ſaid County of *Surrey*, as followeth, *viz.* Of

Richard Barnes, late of *Caſhelton*, in the ſaid County,	20	00	00

Thomas

	L.	S.	D.
Thomas Becks, late of *Sutton*, in the said County,	20	00	00
John Biſhop, late of *Moredon*	20	00	00
Rebecca, his Wife,	20	00	00
John Cole, late of *Mitcham*, in the ſaid County,	20	00	00
Anne Goldſmith, late of the ſame place, Widdow,	20	00	00
John Muggeridge, late of *Croydon*, in the ſaid County,	20	00	00
John Peiree, late of the ſame place,	20	00	00

Obſerve, In *Trinity* Term, a Writ of *Scir. & Inquir. fac.* was ſued out of the Pipe Office, in the Exchequer, to ſeize into the King's hands, according to the Statute of 3. *Jacobi*, two Thirds of the Lands, Tenements, Demeaſnes & Farms of the aboveſaid Perſons, in lieu of the 20 *l. per Menſem*; but the ſaid Perſons being Farmers, Rack Tenants, Small Traders or Poor Perſons, having no Lands, Tenements, Demeaſnes or Farms, the Sheriff found no Eſtates to ſeize into the Kings hands, according to his Precept; and as is ſuppoſed, made his return to the ſaid Writ accordingly. Since which proceſs are of new made out of the Exchequer to leavy the ſaid 20 *l. per Menſem*, upon their Goods and Cattels.

The like proceſs are iſſued out for 20 *l. per Menſem*, againſt *William Wood* of *Sutton*, in the ſaid County, being no *Papiſt*, but a *Proteſtant-Diſſenter*, called a *Quaker*. The 28th of the 11th Moneth, 1679.

Cheſhire.

Cheshire.

Cestr. pro Recusan. per Cedul. Pipe.

" Joh. Wrench *de Sheabrook in Com. Cestr. Yeom.* 20 *l.* " *virtut. cujusd. Act. Parliam. tent. apud* Westmr. 29 *die* " Octob. *An. Reg. Dom. nuper Reg.* Elizab. *hujusm. Cas. edit. et pro-* " *vis. Intitul.* An Act for the more speedy and due Execution " of certain Branches of the Statute made in the 23th year of " the Queen's Majesties Reign, entituled, *An Act to retain the* " *Queens Majesties Subjects in their due Obedience. Eo quod* " *ipse existens stat.* 16. *annor. et ultra, non accessit Eccles. suæ* " *paroch. nec alieni al. Eccles. Capel. sive usual. loco commun.* " *precationis, nec ibid. fuit temp. communis precat. ad aliq.* " *tempus infra spac. unius mens. prox. sequent.* 23*um diem* " Maji An. 29. *Reg. nunc Caroli secundi, sed abstinuit ab eisd.* " *Unde Convict. fuit ad general. Quarterial. Sessio. pac. Dom.* " *Reg. tent. apud Medium wicum in Com. prad. die Martis in prim.* " *Septiman. post Clum. Pasha scil.* 24. *die* April. An. 29. *Reg.* " *nunc Car. secundi coram* Henr. Booth *Ar. Custod. Rotulorum* " *Com. prad.* Petro Leicester, *Bar. & al. sociis suis. Justic. Dom.* " *Reg. ad pacem in Com. prad. eo quod ipse non fecit Submission.* " *&c.*

	L.	
" Anna *Ux. prad.* Johannis Wrench	XX.	*pro Cons.*
" Thom. Powell *de Rudheath Yeoman*	XX.	*pro Cons.*
" George Vernon *de Whatcroft Yeoman*	XX.	*pro Cons.*
" Samuel Tovie *de ead Yeoman*	XX.	*pro Cons*
" Ricus Pickton *de Leftwich Yeoman*	XX.	*pro Cons.*
" Thom. Noreot *de Northwich Yeoman*	XX.	*pro Cons.*

" Marice

" Maria *Ux. prad.* Thom. Norcot	XX.	*pro Consf.*
" Joh. Cawley *de ead. Yeoman*	XX.	*pro Consf.*
" Joh. Jackson *de ead. Yeoman*	XX.	*pro Consf.*
" Alicia *Ux. prad.* Joh. Jackson	XX.	*pro Consf.*
" Joh. Hall *de ead. Yeoman*	XX.	*pro Consf.*
" Petr. Dickes *de ead. Yeoman*	XX.	*pro Consf.*
" Roger. Dickes *de Oxelton Yeoman*	XX.	*pro Consf.*
" Jacobus *fil. prad.* Rogeri Dickes	XX.	*pro Consf.*
" Will. Woodcock *de Church-Hulm Yeom.*	XX.	*pro Consf.*
" Maria Stretch *de ead.*	XX.	*pro Consf.*
" Joh. Peccow *de Stanthorn Yeoman*	XX.	*pro Consf.*
" Helen. *Ux. prad.* Joh. Peccow	XX.	*pro Consf.*
" Thom. Vernon *de ead. Yeoman*	XX.	*pro Consf.*
" Thom. Peccow *de ead. Yeoman*	XX.	*pro Consf.*
" Gilbert Woolant *de Wrenbury frith Cooper.*	XX.	*pro Consf.*
" Thom. Bressey *de Willaston Yeoman*	XX.	*pro Consf.*
" Josephus Powell *de Acton Yeoman*	XX.	*pro Consf.*
" Joh. Sharples *de Hadderlon Yeoman*	XX.	*pro Consf.*
" Henr. Fletcher *de Wrenbury Mercer*	XX.	*pro Consf.*

The 20th of the 9th Moneth, 1679. Examined by Samuel Wilkinson.

A Copy of this process was taken out by the Sufferers from the Sheriff in *Cheshire*, but for more certainty sent up to *London*, and this Account examined by the Clark of the Pipe, in whose Custody or Inspection are the Exchequer Rolls; and as for the Persons Convict, they are very well known by their Neighbours to be no *Papists*, nor *Popishly* affected, but *Protestant*-Dissenters, and distinguished by the Name of *Quakers*.

Lancashire

Lancashire.

An Additional Account of the *Sufferings* of the aforesaid *Protestant*-Dissenters, in the Hundred of *Blackburn* within the County *Palatine* of *Lancaster*, in the Year 1679. by Exchequer process, upon the Acts made against *Papists*, but now turned against *Protestants*, contrary to all known Usage and Practice.

18 *September* 1679.

	L.	S.	D
Mary Hartley, of the Forrest of *Trawden*, in the Parish of *Coln*, within the Hundred of *Blackburn*, Widdow, was then distrained by *Samuel Halstead*, Bailiff of the said Hundred, with *Nicholas Whitwham* of *Coln*, and *Lawrence Hargreanes* of *Bromly*, his sub-Bailiffs, who took and drove away from her one Milch Cow, of the value of——	04	06	08
For 1 l. 10 s. which they demanded upon Exchequer process, as the two thirds of the Yearly value of her Estate, and made no return or restoration of overplus.			

Witness

Robert Hartley,
James Blackburn.

	L.	S.	D.
Peter Shackleton, of the Forreſt *Trawden* aforeſaid, was then alſo diſtrained by the ſaid Bailiffs, who took and drove away from him one Milch Cow of the value of—	04	00	00

For the demand of 20 *s.* upon Exchequer proceſs, as alledged, returning no overplus.

Witneſs
James Shuttleworth,
William Robert.

William Whaley of *Marſden*, in the Hundred and County aforeſaid, was then alſo diſtrained by the ſaid Bailiffs, who took and drove away from him one Heifer of the value of—	03	05	00

For 30 *s.* which the ſaid Bailiffs demanded upon Exchequer proceſs, and returning nothing of the overplus.

Witneſs
John Nutter and *William Nutter*.

24 *September*, 1679.

John Hartley of *Gilford-Clough*, in the Forreſt of *Trawden* aforeſaid, was then diſtrained by the aforeſaid Bailiffs, who took and drove away from him one Cow, of the value of—	05	00	00

For

For 40 *s.* demanded; and made no return of Overplus.

Witneſs
James Blackburn,
Peter Hartley.

25 *September*, 1679.	L.	S.	D.
Roger Hartley of *Marſden*, in the Hun-ed and County aforeſaid, having welve Children, and many of them nall, and by reaſon of his great Charge uch in Debt, was then alſo diſtrained by the ſaid Bailiffs, together with *Henry Hargreane's* Bailiff, who took away from him one Colt, of the value of	10	00	00
For 2 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.* which the ſaid Bailiffs demanded on colour of Exchequer proceſs; returning no Overplus.			

Be pleaſed to take notice, that the Lands above-mentioned are Copyhold, and ſo ought not by the Law to be ſeized into the King's Hands for Recuſancy: For even in the Statute of the 35 of Queen *Elizabeth*, Cap. 2. made againſt *Popiſh*-Recuſants, ſuch Copyholds are forfeited to the Lord of the Mannor, if the ſame Lord were not a *Popiſh*-Recuſant: Howbeit, the Sufferers aforeſaid are no ſuch, as *Popiſh*-Recuſants, nor ſo reputed among their Neighbours, but real *Proteſtants*. But no wonder, when we conſider, that ſuch, who in four or five Years laſt paſt, could find a new Way to turn the Execution of theſe old Laws againſt *Proteſtants*, which were firſt intended againſt *Papiſts* (never known in the time of *Proteſtancy*, before

these few late Years) could and would so influence subordinate Officers, Sheriffs, Bailiffs, &c. to make what ever Estate we have, whether Freehold or Copyhold, forfeited to their designs; which is worthy of *Protestant*-Consideration.

Also take notice, in the last Year, and in this present Year 1680. as in two or three Years last past, the Exchequer process has been issued out against several other *Protestants* (some whereof are formerly named) whose Exigencies are such, that they are not able or capable to keep House or manage their Lands: So their Tenants are forced to pay the Exchequer-demands, although against the Will of the Owners.

Middlesex.

Trinity Term, 1680.

1. SIR *Hugh windham*, Knight, one of the Justices of the Common Pleas, then brought into the said Court of Common Pleas at *Westminster* an Information, in the Name of one *Thomas Moore*, an unknown Person, but the pretended Informer against *Thomas Farmborow* of *London*, Chaire-maker, for two Hundred and Sixty Pounds alledged, to be by him forfeited for not coming to hear Common-Prayer, for thirteen Moneths next preceeding, the Information upon the Statute of 23 *Elizabeth*, made against *Popish*-Recusants. And the Suite is now depending and presented against him; notwithstanding he the said *Thomas Farmborow* is very well known amongst his Neighbours to be a *Protestant*, and no *Popish*-Recusant, or *Popishly* affected.

2. Another

2. Another Information was then also brought into the said Court, by the said Justice *Windham*, at the Suite of the said pretended Informer, against *Henry Waddy* for the like sum of Two Hundred and Sixty Pounds, pretended to be forfeited for the like Offence, as above, upon the said Statute of Queen *Elizabeth*, which is now also depending and presented against him; Although the said *Henry Waddy* is well known to be a *Protestant*-Dissenter, and no *Papist* or *Popish*-Recusant.

Southwark.

3. Another Information was then also brought into the said Court, by the said Justice *Windham*, at the Suit of the said pretended Informer against *Alexander Plumpton*, of the Parish of Saint *Olaves Southwark*, Felt-maker, for the like sum of Two Hundred and Sixty Pounds, pretended to be forfeited for the like Offence as above, upon the said Statute of Q. *Eliz.* which is now also depending and presented against him; Although the said *Alexander Plumpton* is well known to be a *Protestant*-Dissenter, and no *Papist* or *Popish*-Recusant.

Middlesex.

4. Another Information was then also brought into the said Court, by the said Justice *Windham*, at the Suit of the said pretended Informer, against one *John Edge* of St *Andrew Holbourn*, in the County of *Middlesex*, for the like sum of Two Hundred and Sixty Pounds, pretended to be forfeited for the like Offence, upon the said Statute of Q. *Elizabeth*, which is now also depending and presented against him;

Although

Although the said *John Edge* is well known to be a *Protestant* Dissenter, and no *Papist* or *Popish*-Recusant.

5. Another Information was then also brought into the said Court, by the said Justice *Windham*, at the Suit of the said pretended Informer, against one *John Jones* of St *Andrew Holbourn*, Glover, for the like sum of Two Hundred and Sixty Pounds, pretended to be forfeited for the Offence aforesaid, upon the said Statute of Q. *Elizabeth*, which is now also depending and presented against him; Although the said *John Jones* is well known to be a *Protestant*-Dissenter, and no *Papist* or *Popish*-Recusant.

6. Another Information was then also brought into the said Court, by the said Justice *Windham*, at the Suit of one *Thomas Anton*, an unknown Person, but the pretended Informer against *James Beech*, Senior, of *Margarets Westminster*, for the like sum of Two Hundred and Sixty Pounds, pretended to be forfeited for the like Offence, as above, upon the said Statute of Q. *Elizabeth*, which is now also depending and presented against him; Although the said *James Beech* is well known to be a *Protestant*-Dissentor, and no *Papist* or *Popish*-Recusant.

7. Another Information was likewise brought into the said Court, by the said Justice *Windham*, at the Suit of the said pretended Informer, against *William Beech* of the said Parish of St *Margarets Westminster*, for the like sum of Two Hundred and Sixty Pounds, pretended to be forfeited for the like Offence, as aforesaid, upon the said Statute of Q. *Elizabeth*, which is now also depending, and presented against him; Although the said *William Beech* is well known to be a *Protestant*, and no *Papist* or *Popish* Recusant.

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8. Another Information was alſo brought into the ſaid Court, by the ſaid Juſtice *Windham*, at the Suit of the ſaid pretended Informer againſt *James Beech, Junior*, of the aboveſaid Pariſh, in *Weſtminſter* aforeſaid, for the like ſum of Two Hundred and Sixty Pounds, pretended to be forfeited for the like Offence, upon the Statute aforeſaid; Although the ſaid *James Beech* is well known to be a *Proteſtant*, and no *Papiſt* or *Popiſh* Recuſant.

9. Another Information was then alſo delivered into the ſaid Court, by the ſaid Juſtice *Windham*, at the Suit of the ſaid pretended Informer, againſt *Muſgrove Beeby* of the *Strand*, Vintner, for the like ſum of Two Hundred and Sixty Pounds, pretended to be forfeited for the Offence aforeſaid, and upon the ſaid Statute of Q. *Elizabeth*, which is now alſo depending and preſented againſt him; Although the ſaid *Muſgrove Beeby* is well known to be a *Proteſtant*, and no *Papiſt* or *Popiſh*-Recuſant.

Southwark.

10. Sr *Francis North*, Knight, Chief Juſtice of the Court of Common Pleas, did then alſo bring into the ſaid Court an Information, at the Suit of one *Thomas Moore*, an unknown Perſon; but the pretended Informer againſt *William Collard*, of the Pariſh of Saint *George's* in *Southwark*, Cheeſemonger, for the like ſum of two Hundred and Sixty Pounds, for the Offence aforeſaid, upon the Statute aforeſaid, which is now alſo depending and preſented againſt him; Although the ſaid *William Collard* is well known to be a *Proteſtant*-Diſſenter, and no *Papiſt* or *Popiſh*-Recuſant.

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THE CASE Of the People, called, QUAKERS,

In Relation to the Statutes, upon which they are Prosecuted, shewing the Intent and Meaning thereof.

16 Martij, 1677.

THeir Complaint is against the late Prosecution in the Exchequer, for two Thirds of their Estates, which for two Years last past has been seized into the Kings hands, upon old Statutes made against *Popish*-Recusants. And Levies daily made thereupon by the Sheriffs, throughout many Counties in *England*: And the unreasonableness of such Prosecution will appear.

1*st*, In shewing the Statutes, upon which the Persons are prosecuted, were designed against *Popery* and *Popish*-Recusants

Recusants only, however now extended against us, and other *Protestant*-Dissenters.

To which is added a *Test* or *Protest*, to distinguish us from *Popish*-Recusants; first, The Statutes, upon which we and other *Protestant*-Dissenters, are of late Convicted, and returned into the Exchequer, and two Thirds of our Estates seized into the King's hands, and levied by Distress, are Three, *viz.* 23 and 28 *Eliz.* and the 3 of King *James*.

As to that of the 23 of *Elizabeth*, the first its Entituled *An Act to retain the Queen's Majesties Subjects in their due Obedience.*

And what Subjects they were, who in those dayes were Disobedient, and stood in need of this Act, History and Tradition can well inform: And besides that, the very Preamble of the Act will plainly Evidence, which runs thus:

"*Where sithence the Statute made in the thirteenth Year of* "*the Reign of the Queen, our Soveraign Lady, Entituled,* An "Act *against the bringing in and putting in Execution of* Bulls, "Writings *and* Instruments, *and other Superstitious things* "*from the See of* Rome, *divers evil-affected Persons have* "*practised contrary to the meaning of the said Statute, by other* "*means then by Bulls and Instruments, written or printed, to* "*withdraw divers the Queen's Majesties Subjects from their* "*natural Obdience to her Majesty, to obey the said usurped Au-* "*thority of* Rome; *and in respect of the same, to perswade* "*great Numbers to with-draw their due Obedience from her* "*Majesties Laws, &c.*

"*For Reformation whereof, and to declare the true meaning* "*of the said Law, Be it declared and enacted by the Authority* "*of this present Parliament, that all Persons, &c.*

By theſe Words, *For Reformation whereof, and to declare the true Meaning of the ſaid Law*, we may obſerve two things or a double end, for which this Statute was made and provided, (*viz.*)

Firſt, *For Reformation of ſuch who with-drew the Queen's Subjects from their Obedience to the uſurped Authority of Rome*, as the preceeding Words are.

2*dly*, To declare the true Meaning of the ſaid Law, *viz. The Law of the* 13*th of the Queen, which the ſaid Statute Recites; which ſaid Law was provided againſt bringing in, and putting in Execution of Bulls, Writings, Inſtruments*, and other Superſtitious things from the See of *Rome*.

And if we read the ſaid Statute, it gives account that thoſe Bulls were brought from *Rome*, to Abſolve and Reconcile ſuch who forſook their Obedience, to yield and ſubject themſelves to the Pope's uſurped Authority.

So the Deſign of the ſaid Statute was to prohibit ſuch Bulls, on pain of *high Treaſon*; and to prohibit the bringing into the Realm Tokens, or things called *Agnus Dei, Pictures, Beads*, and ſuch like vain and ſuperſtitious things, which being Conſecrated by the Pope, *&c.* divers Immunities and Exemptions were ſaid to be granted.

So that this Statute of the 23 of *Elizabeth*, appears to be a ſupplemental Act, and Explanatory of the 13 of the ſaid Queen's, againſt the bringing in of *Bulls, Agnus Dei, Croſſes*, &c. and therein alſo provides againſt with-drawing any of the Queen's Subjects to the *Romiſh* Religion, which that Age conceived ſo dangerous.

So that they Firſt make it Treaſon, to with-draw any from the *Queens Obedience*, or Religion (then eſtabliſhed) to the *Romiſh Religion*, or to obey the Authority of the See of *Rome*, or other Prince.

They, Secondly, make it Treaſon, to be reconciled or drawn to the *Romiſh* Religion.

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They, Thirdly, make it Miſprision of Treaſon, to be Aiders, Maintainers or Counſellors of ſuch as perſwade others to with-draw themſelves.

And Fourthly, they provide the Penalty of Two Hundred Marks, and a Years Impriſonment, for ſuch as ſhall *ſay or ſing Maſs*: And then Enact generally;

That All Perſons, above the Age of Sixteen Years, which ſhall not repaire to Church once a Moneth, ſhall Forfeit for every Moneth Twenty Pound; *Upon which is the preſent Proſecution againſt us.*

Now it is very evident by the Statute of the 13 of the Queen, and by this of the 23 of the Queen: That

Firſt, The Offences provided againſt by theſe Statutes, were the bringing in of *Bulls*, *Agnus Dei*, *Croſſes*, *Pictures*, *Beads*, and ſuch like.

Secondly, The Perſons offending were the Importers or ſpreaders thereof.

Thirdly, Perſons perſwading or with-drawing others, or themſelves to the *Romiſh* Religion, or See of *Rome*.

And *Fourthly*, Sayers or Singers of Maſs, and to be Aiders or Maintainers of ſuch.

So we conceive the Execution thereof was never intended, and hope (by ſuch Proviſion as the King and Parliament ſhall ſee meet) will not be extended to the *Proteſtant* Diſſenters.

And that theſe words, *All Perſons*, ſhall be ſuch only, whom the Statute in expreſs Words and Terms complains of as dangerous, and by ſuch Pains and Penalties thereby intended to be Reformed.

As for the Statute of the 28th * of the Queen; (being the ſecond Statute upon which we are proſecuted) the Title beſpeaks what it is, viz. —— *An Act for the more ſpeedy Execution of certain Branches made in the twenty third Year of the Queen*; which is an Act to retain the Queen's Majeſties Subjects in their due Obedience: The ſame which is before repeated; and provides againſt fraudulent Conveyances, which might be made to defraud the Queen of her 20 *l. per menſem*, and orders the Convictions to be returned into the Exchequer, and proceſs to be made out thence to Collect it; or for Non-payment, two Thirds of their real Eſtate to be ſeized into the Queen's Hands, *&c.*

* *So quoted on the Records, but* 29 Eliz. *in the late Stat. Books, which alſo refers to the Tenor, true meaning and Intent of the ſaid Stat.* 23 Eliz. 1. *which expreſly intends* Popiſh *Recuſants.*

So that until the third of King *James* (a Time memorable to all *Proteſtants*, for the great Deliverance from the *Gun-Powder-Plot*) the former Laws continued without alteration or ſupplement. And in the third of that Kings Reign was made a Statute, Entituled, *An Act for the better diſcovering and ſuppreſſing of Popiſh-Recuſants.*

By the whole Series of which Statute it will appear, that *Proteſtant*-Diſſenters were never intended for Proſecution by it: And we may repeat the Preamble of the Statute, which is generally counted the Key to unlock the Intent and Deſign of a Statute, and make ſome brief Obſervations thereon, and leave it to your Conſideration. It runs thus, Viz.

" *For as much as it is found by daily Experience, that many* " *his Majeſties Subjects, that adhere in their Hearts to the* Popiſh " *Religion, by the Infection drawn from thence, and by the* " *wicked and Deviliſh Council of Jeſuits, Seminaries, and other* " *like Perſons, dangerous to the Church and State, are ſo far*

" *perverted*

" perverted in the point of their Loyalty, and due Allegiance unto " the King's Majesty and the Crown of England, as that they are " ready to entertain and execute any Treasonable Conspiracies, " as evidently appeareth by that more than Barbarous and Hor- " rible Attempt, to have blown up with Gun Powder, the King, " Queen, Prince, Lords and Commons in the House of " Parliament assembled, tending to the utter Subversion of " the whole State, lately undertaken by the Instigation of Je- " suits and Seminaries; and in Advancement of their Religion " by their Schollars, taught and instructed by them to that " purpose; which Attempt, by the only goodness of Almighty " God was discovered and defeated. And whereas divers " [redacted] Popishly affected, do nevertheless (the better to " [redacted] and hide their false Hearts, and with more safety to " attend the opportunity to execute their Mischievous Designs) " repaire sometimes to Church, to escape the Penalty of the " Laws in that behalf provided:

" For the better discovering therefore of such Persons, and " their Evil affections to the King's Majesty, and the State of " this his Realm, to the end, that (being known) their Evil " purpose may be the better prevented. Be it Enacted, &c. " that every Popish Recusant Convicted, or hereafter to be Con- " victed, &c.

Observe, Here's no mention of other then *Popish* Recusants; Not one Word of other Dissenter or Reculant.

And *First*, In this Statute is provided, that *Popish* Recusants, conformed or after to be conformed, should once a Moneth take the *Sacrament* of the *Lords Supper* in their Parish-Church, as in Statute 2.

Secondly, Inflicts the Penalties of 20 *l.* the first Year, 40 *l.* the second Year, 60 *l.* the third Year, for such *Popish*-Recusants not receiving Sacrament; as in Stat. 3.

Thirdly,

Thirdly, It Enacts, That the Churchwardens and Constables of every Town, *&c.* for the time being; or if none, the chief Constable of the Hundred, *&c.* shall present the Names of all *Popish*-Recusants, and the Children of the said Recusants of Sixteen Years; as in Stat. 4.

Observe, Here's no mention made of *Protestant*-Dissenters or Recusants in general, or any other then *Popish*-Recusants; But still the Statute all along refers to *Popish*-Recusants only.

Fourthly, This Statute of 3 of *James* recites the aforesaid Statute of 23 *Eliz.* by which the said Recusants Forfeit 20 *l. per mensem*; as in Stat. 10.

Fifthly, And also Recites the aforesaid Statute of 28 *Eliz.* directing how the Queen should recover the 20 *l. per mensem*, by seizure of two Thirds of the Real Estate of such Convicted Recusants.

After which Recital its therein alledged that 20 *l. per mensem* is a burthen to the Poor, and an ease to the Rich, who keep large Estates in their own Hands, which (as says the Statute) they do for the most part imploy (as Experience hath taught) to the Maintenance of Superstitious and *Popish* Religion, and to the Relief of Jesuits, Seminaries, and other dangerous Persons to the State. And

Observe, That after the Delineation and Explanation of Offenders and Offences, its thereby Enacted,

That the King may refuse the 20 *l. per mensem* (although tendred) and take and seize into his Hands two Thirds of the said Recusants real Estate, *&c.* to hold during the Recusants Life.

This is the third Statute by which we and *Protestant*-Dissenters are prosecuted.

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By all which we hope it clearly appears, that those Statutes were intended against *Popish*-Recusants only, and not against *Protestant*-Dissenters, nor any other then *Popish*; and hope that the prosecution of *Protestant* Dissenters (as they have been of late) is an extending the sence of those Statutes beyond Right Reason, and the Intent of the Law-makers: All which is submitted to your Consideration.

And our next Business is, To prove that such Convictions, Seizures and Levies have been made upon our Estates, which will be made out by the Exchequer *Records*, which we have *here* ready.

Then *2dly*, To Evidence that the Persons so Convicted, Seized, and their Estates Levied, are not *Popish*-Recusants, but such who are distinguished by the Name of *Quakers*, and *Protestant*-Dissenters, which we shall do by *Witnesses*.

Then *Lastly*, We shall offer unto your Consideration, a Test or Protest, for a Distinction between us and *Popish*-Recusants; which we have also here ready.

Note, A Copy of the fore-going Case was given to some Members of the Committee of Parliament, concerned in the enquiring into our Suffering Case, upon the said Statutes, before whom the three last Articles about the *Proof* of Convictions, &c. The *Evidence* of the Persons *Convicted*, *Seized* and *Levied*, and the Test or Protest for Distinction, were made good, and accepted by the said Committee.

Norfolk.

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Oct. 19. 1680.

BY Letters from *Fakenham* it is signified, That *Edmund Peckover* of the same place, *James Denton*, *John Reeve*, and divers others called *Quakers*, being prosecuted as *Recusants*, upon the Statute of 20 *l.* a Moneth, for not going to the publick Worship, the Under-Sheriff, *Samuel Verden*, and his Bailiffs distrained of *Edmund Peckover* for a Hundred and Twenty Pounds, and took from him Forty pieces of Searges and Stuffs, Seventeen pieces of Linnen Cloth, without suffering them to be measured, that it might be known what value the Goods were of: They also seized upon *James Denton*'s Malt-house, for the Sum of Four Hundred Pounds, pretended, *To be Due from him to the King.*

Huntingtonshire.

1680.

	L.	S.	D.
Samuel Nottingham of *Ramsey* had taken from him by the Servants of *Robert Pulleyn*, Under-Sheriff, four Steers worth——	22	10	00

For the demand of 10 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.* for two Thirds of 16 *l. per annum*; and the said Under-Sheriff never returned any Overplus, but keeps it in his Hand.

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8 Day 8 Moneth, 1680.	L.	S.	D.
Samuel Nottingham aforesaid, had taken from him by the Under-Sheriff's Men, *viz. John Thurstone* and *William Clay*, two Cows and one Steer, which were prized at 6 *l.* 10 *s.* by *Thomas Skinner*, Butcher——	06	10	00
Richard Proud had taken from him at the same time, upon the same account, by the same two men, eight Bushels of Wheat, cost, and worth——	01	12	00
The Demand was 1 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.*			
Distrained also by the men abovenamed at that time, upon the Ground of *Thomas Goulding* (deceased) which were the Tenants Goods, whereupon the Tenant paid their Demand 6 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.* and 10 *s.* to the Bailiffs for Distresses.	07	03	04

Suffolk.

15 Day 5 Moneth, 1680.			
Stephen Boldre of *Hopton* had then distrained and taken from him, by the Sheriff's Bailiffs, *viz. Wil. Dawson, junior, Thomas Collison* and *John Rush*, one Coverlid, two Down-Pillows, one Feather Bed and a Feather-Bolster, and had them prized and sold at 2 *l.* & 2 *s.* they demanded for Charges-	02	02	01
For two Thirds of his Freehold Land of a small value.			

	L.	S.	D.
John Page of the same Town had taken from him one Mare worth——	01	10	00

For 13 *s.* 4 *d.* demanded for two Thirds, &c.

Witness

John Spark,
Henry Canham.

8 *Day* 5 *Moneth*, 1680.

Thomas Judye of *Ashfield* in the said County, had then taken from him by the Bailiffs aforesaid, three Cows worth——	12	00	08

For 8 *l.* demanded for two Thirds of his yearly Rent.

Thomas Woods of *Wetherden* in the County aforesaid, being fined for two Thirds of his Land in *Ashfield*, the Bailiffs aforesaid distrained two Cows of his Tenant's worth——	05	00	00

For 2 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.* demanded, the which his Tenant paid, and redeemed his Cows again.

Note, this Distress was taken of Copyhold-Land.

Witness hereunto

Thomas Bennet his Tenant,
Thomas Judye.

A General Abridgment OF OUR SUFFERINGS

According to the

Accounts we have received From the Year 1660. to this present Year 1680.

I. THere have dyed of our Friends in Priſon, and Priſoners for the Exerciſe of their Faith and Conſcience, in matters Spiritual, ſome of whom have been Beaten and Bruiſed, being knockt down at their Peaceable Meetings, and Dyed of their Wounds— } 243 Perſons.

II. And there remains now in Prison in the several Goals in *England* & *Wales*, who suffer also for the Testimony of a good Conscience; many of which are prosecuted by Writs of *Excom. Capiendo*, and have been divers of them closely Confined, upon that account for several Years past-- } 276 Persons.

III. And there have suffered Imprisonment, for Meeting, & refusing for Conscience sake to Swear, some of whom have had the Sentence of a *Præmunire* past upon them; and divers of them had their Goods and Cattels distrained and taken from them—— } 9437 Persons

IV. The Number of our Friends Excommunicated and Imprisoned, for not conforming to the Publick VVorship---- } 624 Persons.

V. Sentenced for Banishment, for Meeting together to VVorship God---- } 198 Persons.

VI. And

VI. And beſides the Proſecutions againſt us, upon the aforeſaid Statutes, great have been & ſtill are, the Sufferings we undergo by *Spoil* and *Ruin* made upon our Goods & Cattles, upon the laſt *Act* made againſt *Conventicles*, in the 22 *Car.* 2. for our peaceable Meetings to VVorſhip God, to the Value of many Thouſands of Pounds, which Sufferings have been greatly Encreaſed in ſeveral Counties, in a way of Revenge, ſince our Friends have appeared in the late Elections for ſuch Members of Parliament, as they believed would moſt approve themſelves Juſt Men, for the general Good of their Country: VVhich great Oppreſſions have fallen heavy upon poor Tradesmen, Farmers, Shopkeepers & Handicrafts, and the VViddows & Fatherleſs Children, who have had their very Beds taken from under them, and nothing left but the Boards to lie on. The Cry of which Deſtructive Proceedings is very loud in ſeveral Coun-

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ties of this Nation at this very Moment; and the Land Mourns because of this Oppression. And we hope this Grievance will be also taken into your weighty Considerations: And we pray that God may direct you and make you sensible of the great Afflictions and Calamities we lie under, and that for no other Cause, but the Exercise of our Tender Consciences in the sight of God towards our Lord Jesus Christ.

FINIS.